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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SHABA INVASION: NIGERIAN INITIATIVE

1. NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR ENAHORO HAS TOLD ME THAT, ACCORDING INFORMATION HE HAS RECEIVED FROM LAGOS, DURING RECENT TALKS THERE ANGOLANS HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO MEDIATE BUT AS WUID PRO QUO FOR DISCUSSING SHABA HAD INSISTED THAT ALLEGED ZAIRIAN VIOLATIONS ELSEWHERE ALONG BORDER AND RETURN OF SEIZED PROPERTY SHOULD FIRST BE ADDRESSED. ENAHORO HAD PASSED THIS ALONG TO GOZ, BUT HE DID NOT INDICATE WHAT GOZ'S REACTION HAD BEEN. ENAHORO SAID THAT, WHILE FMG WAS NOT DISCOURAGED, IT WAS EVIDENT THAT NEGOTIATING PROCESS WAS GOING TO BE LONG AND DIFFICULT. HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY FURTHER ACTION BY FMG UNTIL GARBA RETURNS HOME NEXT WEEKEND.

2. AMBASSADOR ENAHORO SAID IT WAS HIS VIEW THAT ARRIVAL OF MOROCCAN TROOPS SHOULD NOT COMPLICATE NIGERIA'S ROLE. GARBA HAD IN FACT TOLD ZAIRIANS IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THEY
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STRENGTHEN THEIR MILITARY POSITION IN SHABA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE CHANCES FOR SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS. FACT THAT ZAIRIANS WERE GOING ABOUT THIS IN ESSENTIALLY AFRICAN CONTEXT WOULD LESSEN CHANCES THAT MEDIATION TRACK WOULD BE DAMAGED. MOREOVER, ANGOLANS HAD TAKEN PUBLIC POSITION THAT SHABA WAS INTERNAL ZAIRIAN PROBLEM, ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NETO WAS MAKING A LOT OF NOISE ABOUT A MATTER IN WHICH HE CLAIMED ANGOLA WAS

NOT INVOLVED.

3. GOZ, FOR ITS PART, FOR ITS PART, CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON CRANKING
UP COUNTEROFFENSIVE IN SHABA WHILE SAYING LITTLE ABOUT MEDIATION.
NOTEWORTHY IN THIS CONNECTION IS FACT THAT, WHEN ASKED ABOUT
NIGERIAN INITIATIVE IN ABC PRESS INTERVIEW YESTERDAY, BOBUTU
SPOKE ONLY IN TERMS OF NIGERIANS POLICING SHABA BORDER AND SAID LITTLE

ABOUT NEGOTIATING WITH NETO EXCEPT TO ASSERT THAT ZAIRE WOULD NEVER
NEGOTIATE AWAY ITS NATIONAL INTEGRITY.
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